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Sir:

The following literature citations are being provided in compliance with Applicant's and his attorneys' duty of candor and good faith under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The citations are recorded on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. It is requested that the attached citations be entered and considered during further examination of this application. A copy of each reference listed below is included herewith.

A communication (European Search Report) from the European Patent Office issued April 28, 2000 and disclosed the following references which have not been previously cited by Applicants in an Information Disclosure Statement.

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1. DE 23 00 338 A (Tee-Pak, Inc.) relates to easy peeling food casing equivalent to U.S. Patent 3,818,947.

2. EP 0 109 611 A (Hoechst AG) relates to food casing with improved peeling.
3. EP 0 180 207 A (UCC) relates to easy peeling food casing.
4. EP 0 700 637 A (Hoechst AG) relates to cellulose food casing.
5. FR 2 342 664 A (Teepak, Inc.) relates to forming and pleating artificial food casing equivalent to U.S. 4,062,980 and 4,062,981.
6. GB 1 042 182 A (UCC) relates to easy peeling food casing.
7. GB 2 010 124 A (UCC) relates to peelable food casing.
8. GB 2 137 901 A (Teepak, Inc.) relates to release coatings for peelable food casings.

DE 23 00 338A; EP 0 109 611 A; GB 2 010 124 A; and GB 2 137 901 A were cited as particularly relevant if combined with another document of the same category. EP 0 180 207 A; EP 0 700 637 A; FR 2 342 664 A; and GB 1 042 182 A were cited as technological background.

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